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SUBJECT: SUPERSCOPE, INC., REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE
ON TAX PROBLEM

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED CALL FROM CARL HAGSTROM, VICE PRESIDENT OF SUPERSCOPE, INC., OF LOS ANGELES REGARDING A TAX PROBLEM WITH THE GROC. ACCORDING TO HAGSTROM, THE COMPANY'S SUBSIDIARY, SUPERSCOPE TAIWAN, LTD., WHICH IS 80 PERCENT OWNED BY THE U.S; PARENT COMPANY AND MANUFACTURES AUDIO ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT IN NANTZE AND KAOHSIUNG EXPORT PROCESSING ZONES, IS BEING ASSESSED FOR 1975 TAXES ON IDLE PLANT CAPACITY UNDER A REGULATION WHICH WAS NOT PROMULGATED UNTIL THE FOLLOWING YEAR. THE COMPANY ALREADY HAS LOCAL LEGAL REPRESENTATION, AND AN APPEAL OF TAX RULING IS PENDING AT THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE.

2. HAGSTROM WAS TOLD BASIC DETERMINATION OF COMPANY'S TAX LIABILITY, OF COURSE, COULD ONLY BE MADE BY GROC UNDER ITS LAWS AND PROCEDURES WHICH COMPANY COULD CONTEST
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THROUGH ROC LEGAL SYSTEM. IT WAS SUGGESTED LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES GET IN TOUCH WITH COMMERCIAL ATTACHE AYLWARD TO EXPLAIN PROBLEM AND DETERMINE IF EMBASSY INQUIRY ON ITS BEHALF LIKELY TO BE HELPFUL. VANCE

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